

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 8-10, 13-14, and 18-20 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8 and 18 have been so rewritten. Therefore, independent Claims 8 and 18 are considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

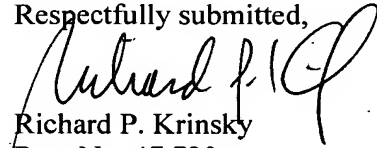
Claims 1, 14 and 16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 11, 12, 15-17 and 21 have been amended to change their respective dependencies (Claim 15 to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection) and are considered to be allowable for at least the same reason as Claim 8 and for their own limitations as well and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 2, 3, 5-15 and 17-21 and the Application are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Account No. 02-1010 (677/44540).

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